

Class 2P: My Life in My Country

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My Life

I lived in Guangzhou. I spent my childhood in Guangzhou. When I was seven years old, I went to Kwen Sin Elementary School and after that I went to No. 38 Middle School in 1968.

I went to the countryside to be a farmer in 1980. Later I came back to Guangzhou to work in Nan Fong Hotel. In my free time, I went to the movies with my mother and father because I liked movies very much. Later my family immigrated to the U.S.A.

My life is very simple because I don't like to go anywhere.

Xiu Jie Cui

My Life in China

I was born in Jilin, China. I have two brothers and two sisters. My family was big, but I was not happy because when I was twelve years old, my father passed away. So I didn't have a happy childhood. I went to school for a total of ten years.

I was a teacher. I worked hard. My classes had lots of students, so I had lots of stress. I didn't have good health. Every day I felt tired. I worked for twenty-five years.

I had a big home. My husband was a teacher too. He was a patient man. We had one son. I had a happy home.

When I had free time, I cooked lots of food. I made some dumplings and put them in the freezer, so we could eat them anytime. It was convenient. I liked to exercise every morning. I exercised for about one hour and I became healthy. So I still exercise now.

The climate in our hometown was unstable. The morning and night were cold, but it was hot at noon. The snow was heavy in winter. The wind was very strong. Everybody wore lots of clothes. I didn't like it.

There was a lot of good food in my hometown. For example, kebabs, potatoes, latkes, and grilled corn. There were lots of Korean people, so lots of people liked to eat dog meat, but I didn't like it. I felt sorry for the dogs. The dog is a faithful friend of man. I wish people would never eat it!

This is my story. Thanks Jon so much for correcting all my mistakes!

Yan Zhen Deng

My Life in My Country

I come from Kaiping, China. China is a big and beautiful country. It is flourishing but crowded country because there are many people in the country. But my hometown is just a small village. My village doesn't have a lot of people, high buildings, or many cars. There are houses that are over 100 years old and a lot of delicious food. In 2007, my village became a popular tourist destination. I am proud of that.

In my country I was a cashier. I worked in a store in my city. Every day I took the bus to work. I worked at 9:00 am, so I needed to wake up early. There was a dormitory at work, but I didn't want to stay there because I wanted to be close to my family.

My co-workers were friendly and funny. We were so happy at work. We finished work at 7:30 pm and we would go to eat different delicious food. I worked from Monday to Friday. My schedule usually changed once a month. When I had a day off, I would make a date with my friend. We would go shopping and go out to eat. Also I would clean our house and cook something for my family. I would help my family do something and this made my parents feel happy because I was a good girl.

In 2011, I left my country and came to the United States. I felt so sad because I left my hometown and my family. I felt lonely and strange in the new place. After three months, I got a job and made some friends. I began to accept the transformation. But I still miss my hometown. I love my hometown.

Min Yi Fan

My Life in China

When I was in my country, I lived in a big and new apartment. There were gardens in front of the building in spring with many trees and flowers and there were many sports activities, which made it like a picture. I liked spring and fall in my hometown.

There were many tourist sites, too. We drove a car on vacations. We visited many places and ate typical dishes in different cities. In our free time we met my friends. We drank coffee at bars and ate at restaurants and talked about many things. I felt happy every day.

I miss my hometown dishes. Each one was delicious. I miss my classmates and friends in my hometown. My favorite fruits were apples. They had dietary fiber and iron. I always bought apples from the mountains online every week. I ate an apple every day to keep healthy.

On the weekend I picked up my son after school. He learned to swim in the pool. He learned math and English. He played piano also. So I was tired but happy because I felt full in my heart.

In my hometown we had a high-speed railway. When we took the train, it went very fast. If it took two hours by plane, we just spent five hours on the high-speed train. It was very safe and comfortable. I like taking a high-speed railway to take vacations.

I enjoyed and now I miss my life in my hometown.

Xiao Yan Fang **My Life in China**

I was born in Fujian, China. I grew up in a small village. My childhood was happy. When I was ten years old, I moved to the city. The city's name was Chang Le. I lived there until I got married.

After I got married, I moved to Shanghai with my husband's family. My husband worked in the suburbs. We lived together. I didn't work. I had a lot of free time. I slept very late. I ate lunch and dinner in a cafeteria. I didn't like the food. I felt very bored.

On weekends we went shopping at Pu Dong or Pu Xi. I was so excited to go out. I saw many people and stores. I felt the sky was so blue and the air was so fresh.

My parents-in-law were kind. I loved them. They cared about me. My mother-in-law always helped me do many things. She was the best mother-in-law.

I had my first son in 2004. He was small and cute. I took care of my son every day. These were very tiring days. I began to study cooking and how to be a housewife. When I met my friends I always brought my baby. I gave all my attention to my baby. I wanted the best things for my baby.

My younger son was born in 2010. I was crazy busy. Sometimes I felt happy, sometimes I felt tired. I think most people's lives are like this.

Dan Ping Feng **My Life in my Hometown**

I was born in Enping, China. I lived in Enping City. My hometown was small but beautiful. Every morning I went to elementary school. Yi Xiao was my elementary school.

I lived in a big house. My house had three floors and six rooms. My family was sweet and easy-going. My neighbors were noisy and talkative.

I had a lot of friends. In my free time, my friends and I rode our bicycles to the park and the movies. My friend Mei Hong lived near my house. In our free time or after school we always went out to eat. My hometown Enping had delicious food.

One tourist attraction was the hot spring. My house was near the mountain where the hot spring was, so every morning I saw some people lining up at the mountain.

I was a student in my hometown. I felt my childhood was a little happy.

In 1992, I moved to the Dominican Republic. So it was a long time ago. I forgot a lot of things. But I was happy in my hometown.

Cai Hong Huang **My Life in My Country**

I came to the U.S. nine years ago. I miss my hometown. I lived in Guangzhou, China. I had a good job. I worked at the AIA Insurance Company in Guangzhou, China. I worked there for about six years.

In my free time, I went out to eat with my coworkers and friends, and I drank beer with my good friends every weekend. Every Thursday I went to the movies with my boyfriend because we could buy cheap tickets. In Guangzhou there are many different nice restaurants and I went to almost all of them at that time with my boyfriend.

I lived with my mother. My mother really loved me, and she never wanted me to do the housework. She cooked for me every day but I never ate dinner with her. I felt so sorry for her.

When I was 29 years old, I met my husband. He was generous. He gave me a lot of good gifts. After two months, I got married to him. He had a good job too. He worked in a water company in Guangzhou. He bought a big house for my mother. I felt very happy. One year later, we came to the United States, and now he has a good job. I hope we will be in love forever.

Jie Ling Huang

My Free Time

I lived in a small city for a long time. I was happy in my hometown. My hometown was Kaiping. In my hometown I was a salesperson. I worked from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

I had a lot of free time. After work I could go shopping and hang out with my friends. We usually went to our favorite restaurants and we had a KTV party once a week.

Every day I drove to work. I just spent twenty minutes to get to work and then I had breakfast at McDonald's every day.

When I had a day off. I always had a lot of plans. We sometimes went to the countryside to cook chicken in the farmer's field. Otherwise I sometimes went hiking with my best friend. I was happy to do everything with her. But now she's married. She has a baby, a little boy. She has a happy and busy life.

My family came to the U.S.A. many years ago, and then I followed them to the U.S.A. That changed my life. I had to learn a lot of things I never knew.

In the U.S.A. I am busy. I don't have a lot of free time. I have to learn a lot, but I think I am enjoying it now. Everything is interesting and challenging. I hope I can do what I want in the future.

Anna Kong

My Life in My Hometown

I come from Guangzhou, China. I lived with my parents. I had an older brother and older sister. They were married. My parents bought an apartment. There were three bedrooms, a big kitchen, and a living room. The neighborhood had lots of markets and convenient transportation. There were many people and there was a business street near my home. It was a convenient community. I liked to live there.

After I graduated from college, I got my first job. My job was organizing materials at a construction company. Two years later, I joined a real estate company. The benefits were good. I was a salesperson. This job made me learn many sales skills and a lot of new things. I met people in different industries. The job was very interesting. I enjoyed it.

In my free time, I went to the gym with my friends or my colleagues. Sometimes I read or watched TV at home. Sometimes I went on a trip. I traveled to many places, like Guilin, Shanghai, Zhejiang, Hunan, and Henan.

The most impressive trip was to Guilin, in Guangxi. This trip was very exciting. I went with three friends. First, we almost missed the plane. Then we lost our way when we were hiking by the Lijiang River. In some places it was hard to hike. We hiked for almost three hours, but we finally reached our destination.

Guilin had a beautiful landscape. There were many different shapes of mountains. As the weather changed, we saw the Lijiang River in the rain when we were sitting in a boat. The river was very charming. We rented bicycles and took a bike tour of the place on this trip. I was so happy.

Xiao Lin Kuang

My Life in China

I came to the U.S. four years ago. I miss my family and my friends. I lived in Guangzhou, China. I lived with my husband. We lived in a big apartment. The apartment had three bedrooms and two bathrooms. I lived for five years in this apartment. My neighbors were very friendly. Sometimes they gave me food.

My best friend's house was next to mine. My friend liked to cook. She always made different food and invited me to her house and we ate together. Sometimes we drank red wine and played games. I felt happy. I was very lucky to live there.

In my free time I usually went shopping with my husband. My husband likes to eat at special restaurants. I felt he really enjoyed himself.

I worked at a company. I was an office assistant. I worked from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. After work my coworkers and I went to happy hour. We talked to each other. My coworkers were friendly. They always made jokes and talked about different ideas. On holidays, the company was generous to the employees.

My life in China was colorful. I miss it.

Anita Lin

My Life in My Country

I was born in Fuzhou, China. It is a big and beautiful city. I lived with my uncle and sister. We lived in an apartment. In the summer, we went to a village and I visited my friends. We played everywhere. We swam in the river. We did a lot of farming. I was very happy.

My family was warm. My parents came to the U.S. so early, when I was two years old. My parents didn't live with us and I felt happy in my childhood. I never felt lonely.

I was a lazy student. I didn't like to study. I graduated from Fujian Business High School. It was easy, so I mostly played with my classmates. We often ate and shopped at the same time. After three years, I got an elementary cosmetology license, but I didn't find the job which was related to my major. My classmates and I came from different cities but we still kept in touch.

After I graduated I worked in my sister's store. My work time was 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. I felt tired because my sister was lazier than me. I had to do everything. I assisted customers. I worked there for about one year, then my sister's store was closed.

I began my second job. I was a cashier in an internet bar. I felt so bored facing a computer every day. It was bad for my eyes. I had to inventory stock.

In my free time, I relaxed with my friends. In my town, there was delicious food. There were fish balls and various snacks. After work I often bought something to eat and then went home.

One year later, I came to America. I always miss life in my country.

Cai Luan Lin

My Life in Taishan

I was born in Taishan, China. Taishan is a small city but I love this city because my family and good friends are in Taishan. I lived in Taicheng with my parents and brother. My family is warm and I love my family. They always make me happy. I have a good brother. He often cooked delicious food for me. My father is a teacher so he was very strict with me. My mother is friendly. When I was a kid, I lived with my grandparents. My grandfather was a teacher. He retired when I was three years old. He taught me to write Chinese at home.

I was a kindergarten teacher in my country. I worked at Taishan Ma Jian Wei Kindergarten. It was a public kindergarten. I loved this job because my students made me happy every day. And my co-workers were very nice. Sometimes after work, we played ma jiang with four people. It was fun. My students were so cute. They were smart.

In my free time in Taishan, sometimes I went shopping with my friends on the weekend. I often went to Shi Hua Shan to take a walk after dinner. It was fresh. I usually traveled on holidays. I had summer holiday and winter holiday. I went to Hong Kong to visit my sister every summer holiday. I liked Hong Kong. It's a beautiful city. In winter holiday, I often stayed at home because I wanted to spend Chinese New Year with my family.

That's my life in my country. It was warm and happy. I miss my family and friends right now.

Ruby Lin

My Life in My Country

I'm from Fujian, China. I lived in a small city. My hometown is Nanping. There are high mountains, and the scenery is very beautiful. I love my hometown. Although it's very small, the public transportation is convenient, and there are a lot of people.

In my country, I lived in a high building. The building had a total of 20 floors. I could see the mountains and rivers. In my neighborhood, there were many supermarkets, bus stations, and parks. The streets were clean, the transportation was convenient, and shopping was easy.

In my country, I was a sales assistant. I worked in a clothing store. I usually worked eight hours a day. After I finished work, I would go out to eat or I would travel with coworkers. I had a lot of friends in my hometown. We met every day and had a good time.

In America, everyone is busy. I felt happier in China, but my family is in America. We live in America, so we need to adapt to the pace of life in America. In my country, I liked to go to the park to exercise or meet my friends. Sometimes I cleaned my house or shopped for food. I liked to talk to my family and friends every day.

I like my hometown, I miss my hometown.

Ling Fang Liu

My Life in My Country

I was born in Dongan. It's a small village near the river. I grew up there. When I was a teenager, my parents moved to Guantou. It's a small town, but it's beautiful. It has many buildings and stores.

My first job was as a waitress at a restaurant. I needed to assist customers and clean the dishes. It was hard work. I worked there for two years. After two years I got a new job. I worked as a sales assistant at a grocery store.

One year later, I changed jobs again. I worked at Children's Clothing Village. It was a children's clothing store. I really liked to work there. It was a small and beautiful place. It had many beautiful and cute children's clothes. I liked to put the sample clothes on the wall and match the clothes. I was happy working there.

In my free time, I usually watched TV or movies at home. Sometimes I visited my friends. When I spent time with my friends, we had a lot of things to do and talked a lot.

Many years later, I got married. I quit my job and I became a homemaker.

Fan Qin

My Life in My Country

I come from Shanghai, China. I used to live in Shanghai before I came to the U.S. Shanghai is a beautiful city. I lived in the Changning district. My house was on the East Normal University campus. It had a very good view and it was quiet. It was suitable for living. There were many trees and flowers near my house. There was fresh air with the smell of flowers. There was a river called Liwa near it. It made me so comfortable. I miss those feelings.

In Shanghai, I left for my firm at 7:00 am because my firm was far away from my home. It took me about two hours to get there. I was an operations director in an investment firm. My duty was managing all of the crews to work regularly, so I made a lot of reports to describe the crew's situations. I was so busy at that time. I had extra work every day. I seldom had free time.

If I was off, some friends and I went out to eat. We went to karaoke after eating. We got together to chat and do something else which we liked. I enjoyed that very much. I sometimes went to the gym in my free time. I like running and swimming. I felt relaxed when sweat was streaming down my back. I also went shopping with my family. But I think that made me tired too. That's why I didn't like going shopping. If I had free time, I preferred to sleep at home. I also liked visiting some beautiful places, such as Jiuzhaigou, Huangshan and Yunnan. I would prepare some days to hike. Hiking is a sport for health. I like it.

That's my life in my country. Though I was busy and tired, I think I was happy.

Dan Dan Yang

My Life in China

I used to live in Fuzhou, China. I lived with my mother and our two dogs, Ruby and Rou Rou. They were two teddy puppies. They had curly brown hair. I used to take them to the toilet two times every day, in the morning and before bedtime.

I was a salesperson in my country. I worked at a department store in Fuzhou. This department store's name was Fujian Dong Bai Group. I worked at the Revlon cosmetics counter. I loved and enjoyed my job. In my free time, I usually went out to eat, went to KTV to sing, went to the movies, and went shopping with my friends or coworkers. I loved my single life. I had a lot of free time when I was single. I could get up whenever I wanted and I could spend the day as I pleased. I could watch TV all night. I enjoyed the single life and I miss my single life.

After working for three years, I got married. I got married in 2012. My daughter was born in 2013. I immigrated to the U.S. with my daughter in 2014.

Ling Ling Zhao

My Life in My Country

I was born in Taishan, China. When I was a kid, I lived with my grandmother in Fushi. Fushi is the biggest village in Guangdong. It is very famous because our ancestor was a king in the Song Dynasty. His name was Zhao Kuang Yin. So in my village all the people's last names are Zhao.

I didn't like my childhood. It was unhappy because my grandmother was very lazy, bossy, and moody. She didn't do any housework. She just asked me to do it. If I couldn't finish, she would hit me. My parents knew that but they couldn't do anything because they worked in the town. I just saw them on weekends.

When I graduated from middle school, I was very happy because I could leave my grandmother's. I was free. I went to Guangzhou and I studied in Guangdong Province Tourist School. I lived in the dormitory with my classmates. We were ten girls in one dorm room. We had the same hobbies. We talked about their boyfriends and our lives and we made jokes. My school life in Guangzhou was memorable.

When I graduated from the tourist school, I was a trainee at the Nan Sha Grand Hotel. I worked at a western restaurant. I liked to work at this hotel, because it was my first job and I could learn a lot of job skills. The hotel offered good benefits. When I got paid, I could go shopping with my co-workers. I could buy something for my family, and my parents were happy that I could earn money for myself.

Xiao Mei Zhang

Different Life

When I was in my country, I lived in He Shan, China. It has big mountains. All of it was organic food. This is healthy food. I didn't see the doctor because we didn't have to see a doctor. I was very, very happy in my country.

I have two brothers and two sisters. My father was a math teacher. I liked it when my father in the summer could go home and could cook food for me to eat.

Later I went to Guangzhou to go to work as a waitress. A lot of people went there to eat food. When I was working I was tired. After work I went to sleep. Sometimes I exercised, sometimes I went shopping. In one day I made two yuan and in one month I made forty-six yuan. I was very happy. I could buy a lot of food.

I had one day off. I could go to see movies. I felt happy because I had a boyfriend named Zhang Ming. He didn't want go to America. He didn't want me to go to New York. But my parents were in New York, so I came too.

I really, really like it in New York. It has trains and many different kinds of people and you don't need cash to buy things. I like going to church. I go to church every Sunday.